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Vacant Seats Based Counselling (VSBC) Admission Process
Schedule 2026-27 for Allied Healthcare Programs

Steps to be followed by the Students for Admission in M.PT., M.Optomety,
M.Sc. (Nursing), and Post Basic B.Sc. (Nursing) Programs

For affiliated and constituent colleges / Department of all Universities associated with GCAS

Sr. No.	Admission Phase	Date	Total Days	Process to be followed by the student
1	Registration	From 11:00 AM on 07.09.2026 to 11:59 PM on 27.09.2026	21	1. Do Quick Registration. 2. Pay registration fee, fill profile, educational information and select preferences (priority order) of University-College-Program-Major Subject, upload documents. 3. Check the online application and submit it on the GCAS portal.
2	Application Edit and Preference Change	From 11:00 AM on 07.09.2026 to 11:59 PM on 27.09.2026	21	Students who have submitted their application in earlier registration rounds but wish to edit the application or change the preferences they have given must follow the procedure below. (A) If admission has been confirmed in any university-college in earlier admission rounds, the admission must be cancelled first and only then can the application be edited or preferences changed. (B) If admission has not been confirmed in any university-college in earlier admission rounds, the student can log in to the portal and edit the application or change the preferences. Note: After unlocking the form, it is mandatory to submit the form every time after making any edit / preference change; otherwise the form will not be considered for admission.
3	Admission Offer & Confirmation	From 12:00 PM on 07.09.2026 to 30.09.2026 (during the working hours of the university-college)	20	<i>The university-colleges will continuously prepare and verify the merit of all students who have not confirmed admission anywhere and who have either submitted a new application or edited their application after cancelling their admission, and will offer admission to those students as per their preferences and admission rules (eligibility, merit, tie-breaker, etc.) of the respective university-college. The offer will be visible on the student's login dashboard. The student must log in to the portal every day, check the offer received and,</i>

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				<i>accordingly, contact the college and act as shown below. Otherwise, the student should contact the university-college where they actually wish to take admission and proceed with the admission process as per its guidance.</i> 1. The student should log in to their dashboard on the GCAS portal and check the admission offer given by the respective university-college. 2. Out of all the offers received on the student's dashboard, confirm the offer of the preferred University-College-Program-Main Subject on the portal. 3. Take a print of the offer letter and report for admission at the respective university-college during their working hours with all original certificates and one set of self-attested certificates. 4. Pay the fee at the university-college as per rules and confirm the admission with an OTP.

* 13.09.2026, 20.09.2026, 27.09.2026 – Sunday

* 14.09.2026 – Public Holiday

Note: Registration and Application Edit run together from **07.09.2026 to 27.09.2026**, while the university-colleges keep posting admission offers to fill vacant seats and admission confirmation continues up to **30.09.2026**. Students must log in to the GCAS portal every day to check the offers they receive.

Important Guidelines for the Vacant Seats Based Counselling (VSBC) Extended Round

A. Round-specific guidelines

1. **Internship and/or License:** For programs requiring a mandatory internship, prior work experience, or a professional license for eligibility, the decision of the university or college extending the admission offer shall be final and binding on the applicant.
2. In Allied Healthcare programs, some universities grant admission on the basis of an Entrance Test. For students applying afresh through the GCAS portal in this round, the concerned university may conduct an entrance test at its own level. In such cases, the university will declare the date, time and venue of the test, along with its rules, norms and criteria for preparation of the merit list, and will inform the students directly as well as through its own website and the GCAS portal. Students are therefore advised to remain in regular contact with the university-college of their preference.
3. Preparing the merit list and maintaining merit is the sole responsibility of the respective university-college. While preparing the merit list, the university-college shall first exhaust the list of students who have appeared in the Common Entrance Test (CET) already conducted, and only thereafter fill the remaining vacant seats from other eligible students as per its own rules and norms.
4. During this round, no cut-off will be displayed on the GCAS portal. Maintaining the cut-off marks is the responsibility of the respective university-college.
5. In this round, admission offers are posted directly by the respective university-college to fill vacant seats and are shown on the student's login dashboard. Students who have already confirmed their admission in an earlier round may also receive an admission offer from another university-college of their preference during this round. However, before confirming such a new offer, the student must first cancel the existing confirmed admission on the portal through OTP. Therefore, the student must log in every day; if an offer

from the desired university-college is not received, the student should proactively contact that university-college and proceed as per its guidance.

6. Every admission offer carries a “Valid Till” (validity) date set by the university-college. The student must accept and confirm the offer on or before this date (report to the college, get documents verified, pay the fee and confirm via OTP); otherwise the offer will lapse.
7. Admission is confirmed at the university-college: the university-college verifies the original documents, allots the category/intake as per the verified documents, and confirms the admission through an OTP sent to the student's own registered mobile number. The student must be present in person with the original documents and give this OTP to the college.
8. In case of any grievance, the student must lodge the complaint with the affiliating university. Helpline numbers of all universities are available on the GCAS portal.
9. Vacant seats will be displayed on the GCAS portal and will be updated on the portal every 6 hours.

B. Common guidelines

1. The responsibility for the truthfulness of the information shown on the GCAS portal and the uploaded documents belongs to the student filling in the information. If a student is deprived of admission due to wrong information or wrong documents, the entire responsibility will lie with that student. Therefore, students should fill in all details carefully on the portal.
2. Once the basic information, educational information and program-college-university details are filled in on the GCAS portal and the form is submitted, any change must be made before the last date of the round, and after every such change resubmitting the form is mandatory; otherwise the form will not be considered for admission.
3. Students whose marksheet shows only grades must scan the certificate showing marks/percentage (Conversion Certificate) together with the marksheet of the affiliated board/university on the “Applicant’s Attachment Details” page and upload it as a single document.
4. If a student finds any difficulty in locating the program-college-university on the “Applicant’s Preference Details” page, they can use the Know Your College (KYC) tab on the homepage of the GCAS portal <https://gcas.gujgov.edu.in/> to find their preferred program-college-university.
5. If a student finds any difficulty in filling the online form on the GCAS portal, they can **visit the Free Form Filling Center** shown on the portal in person and get help.
6. Through a single application on the GCAS portal a student can select more than one university-college-program, but through one application a student can take admission in any one university-college-program only.
7. For programs whose admission is determined by ACPC, ACPDC, ACMPC or any other council, there is no need to apply through the GCAS portal.
8. The university-college-program in which the student is getting admission, they should first confirm the admission via OTP on their login dashboard, after which the student will have to report to the respective university-college in person within the prescribed time limit and give the OTP provided on their registered mobile and email to the university/college authorities to get the admission confirmed in the respective program. If the student does not confirm their admission on the online portal and in person in the respective college within the prescribed time limit after receiving the admission offer, their right to admission in the respective college will not remain.
9. At the time of reporting at the university/college, the student will have to get all their original documents verified at the college/university.
10. Other matters related to the admission process will be announced from time to time. Therefore, the student must visit the GCAS portal regularly.
11. Students should choose/prefer only those university-programs in which they actually want to get admission. While making such choices/preferences, the percentage/CGPA obtained in undergraduate level must be kept in mind.

12. Students should choose university-programs only after taking into consideration the eligibility rules of various programs shown on the website of the respective university/college and on the portal, which are published by the respective university-colleges.
13. For allied healthcare admissions, colleges that have received Gujarat Nursing Council (GNC)/ Indian Nursing Council (INC) approval for the academic year 2026–2027, as well as those that held approval for 2025–2026 and are currently awaiting an extension for 2026–2027, will be included for preferences during student registration based on the undertaking letter submitted by the universities. Furthermore, institutions applying for fresh GNC/INC approval (i.e., those that did not hold approval in 2025–2026) are strictly ineligible and cannot be listed as choices during the registration process.
14. A student will be able to select more than one university-college-program through a single application via the GCAS portal. But through one application, a student will be able to get admission in any one university-college-program only.
15. To cancel a confirmed admission, the student can cancel it by confirming via OTP on the portal. Such students must follow the fee-refund procedure of the respective university-college as per its rules; the GCAS portal has no role in this.
16. **The registration fee paid by the student on the GCAS portal [Rs. 300/- in the case of Unreserved and Rs. 150/- in the case of SC, ST, SEBC, and EWS categories, and Rs. 150/- in the case of PwBD – Person with Benchmark Disability (40% or more disability)] is not refundable. Therefore, the student must choose the category/course/program/form type very carefully while registering. Furthermore, the student should specifically note that the Program Type mentioned by the student at the time of registration cannot be changed during the admission process.**
 - i. **Post-Basic B.Sc. (Nursing):** For Post-Basic B.Sc. (Nursing) programs.
 - ii. **M.Sc. (Nursing):** For M.Sc. (Nursing) programs. Eligibility for admission is B.Sc. (Nursing) or Post-Basic B.Sc. (Nursing).
 - iii. **MPT:** For Master of Physiotherapy programs. Eligibility for admission is BPT.
 - iv. **M.Opto.:** For Master of Optometry programs. Eligibility for admission is B.Opto.
17. Students should provide their own mobile number and e-mail at the time of registration so that admission-related information reaches them in time; information will be provided via SMS/WhatsApp/e-mail, yet they should keep checking the portal regularly so that no information is missed. Other matters related to the admission process will be announced from time to time, so students must visit the GCAS portal regularly.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- Q1. I received an admission offer but missed reporting to the university-college. What should I do?
 Ans: An offer is valid only up to its “Valid Till” date; once that date passes, the offer lapses. The student should contact the concerned university-college, obtain their guidance, and proceed accordingly.
- Q2. I missed the reporting date given in my offer letter. What now?
 Ans: If the reporting date on the offer letter has passed, the offer is no longer active. As vacant seats are updated on the portal every 6 hours, the student should contact the concerned university-college, obtain their guidance, and proceed accordingly.
- Q3. I want a lower-preference college that was made inactive by the system. What should I do?
 Ans: In the VSBC round, offers and merit are handled directly by the university-colleges. During the VSBC round, preferences that were made inactive in earlier rounds will be re-activated by the system. However, for admission the student wishing to take admission in the concerned university-college should contact that university-college, obtain their guidance, and proceed accordingly.
- Q4. I confirmed the offer online, reported to the college and paid the fee, but forgot to give the OTP. What should I do?
 Ans: Admission is finalized only when the OTP (sent to the student's registered mobile) is given to the university-college. The student should contact the concerned university-college with the OTP, obtain their guidance, and complete the admission accordingly.
- Q5. I got an offer in one medium but want admission in another medium. What should I do?

Ans: The medium/intake is decided by the university-college as per seat availability. The student should contact the concerned university-college, obtain their guidance, and proceed accordingly.

Q6. I want admission in a seat that fell vacant after a cancellation. What should I do?

Ans: Vacant seats (including those freed by cancellations) are shown on the portal and updated every 6 hours. The student should contact the concerned university-college, obtain their guidance, and proceed accordingly.

Q7. I want admission in a vacant seat. What should I do?

Ans: Vacant seats are displayed on the portal (updated every 6 hours) and colleges post offers directly to fill them. The student should contact the concerned university-college, obtain their guidance, and proceed accordingly.

Q8. I forgot to submit my form. What should I do?

Ans: Registration and form submission remain open **up to 27.09.2026**. The student should log in and complete and submit the form before the last date; for any technical difficulty the GCAS technical helpline may be contacted. For admission, the student should contact the concerned university-college, obtain their guidance, and proceed accordingly.

Q9. I want to change my profile, academic details, category or preferences. What should I do?

Ans: Profile, academic details and preferences can be edited by unlocking and resubmitting the form **up to 27.09.2026**. For admission, the student should contact the concerned university-college, obtain their guidance, and proceed accordingly.

Q11. I want to take admission under the Management quota, but I have not given the preference for the concerned university-college. What should I do?

Ans: Such students can register, edit the form, and resubmit it during **07.09.2026 to 27.09.2026**. Before submitting/editing the form for admission under the respective quota, they should contact the concerned university-college, obtain their guidance, and proceed with the admission process accordingly.

New 'AI Agent' facility on the GCAS portal: Students can instantly get information, cut-offs and other details of any university/college associated with GCAS through the chatbot on the portal or by calling +91-7969799680.
